

BEAVERTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2013

**APPROVED**

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Chairman Conway called the Traffic Commission meeting to order in the Forrest C. Soth City Council Chamber, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon, on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm and called the roll.

Traffic Commissioners present included Ernie Conway, Paul Cohen, John Herring, Amy Johnson and newly appointed member, Bill Berg.

City of Beaverton staff included City Transportation Engineer, Jabra Khasho, Police Traffic Sergeant, Steven Schaer and Pro-Tem Commission Recorder, Bonnie Collins.

VISITORS

No one from the audience came forward to speak.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT

Chairman Conway reviewed the consent agenda comprised of the draft October 4, 2012 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Herring MOVED, SECONDED by Commissioner Johnson to approve the October 4, 2012 meeting minutes as written.

Question called on the motion. Commissioner Cohen, Conway, Herring, Johnson voted Aye. Commissioner Berg abstained as he was not appointed to the Commission until January 2013. The motion carried (4:0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Issue TC 705: Parking Restrictions on SW Chelan Place**

Chairman Conway opened the public hearing regarding TC 705

*Staff Report*

Mr. Khasho said that Ms. Ingrid Garoutte requested restricting parking on SW Chelan Place south of Greenway on the third week of the month. He said Ms. Garoutte indicated that when cars are parked on the street, it prevents the street sweeper from thoroughly cleaning the street especially in the fall when leaves are on the ground. Ms. Garoutte is concerned about the livability and appearance of the neighborhood.

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Mr. Khasho said that Chelan Place is a cul-de-sac that serves 28 dwellings with single car garages with driveways. He said parking is allowed on the street at all times and residents use the street for overflow parking. He said that during several field visits to the site, staff observed 5-7 vehicles parked on the street with some vehicles left in the same location without being moved between visits. He said that the demand for on-street parking on Chelan Place is low.

Mr. Khasho said that City Operations street sweeping schedule for Chelan Place is the morning of the fourth Thursday each month. Occasionally when cars are parked on the street, they have difficulty sweeping the street in accordance with City policy and environmental requirements set by Clean Water Services.

Mr. Khasho said staff proposes to restrict parking on SW Chelan Place between 7 a.m. and Noon on the fourth Thursday of each month, a time when some residents will be using their cars commuting to work, so City Operations can thoroughly sweep the street once a month.

*Public Testimony*

Ingrid Garoutte, Beaverton, Oregon, said she is in favor of parking restrictions. She said the street sweeper cannot sweep because too many cars park on the street and people leave their garbage cans in the way too, so the street is too dirty. She said she wants to have City signs for No Parking on the day they do the street sweeping in the neighborhood.

Stephanie Selser, Beaverton, Oregon said she is against the parking restrictions due to lack of parking spaces. She said people who live on the street have short driveways and extra cars are parked on the street out of necessity. She stated she is against the parking restriction signs on the street. Ms. Selser agreed there is an issue with people leaving their garbage cans out on the street too long after the garbage is picked up each week.

COMMISSION DELIBERATION

Commissioner Johnson asked when garbage day was. Ms. Garoutte stated it was each Wednesday.

Commissioner Berg said he took a site visit today and the street looked clean.

Commissioner Johnson asked about street cleaning schedules and changing dates since garbage day are Wednesdays and garbage cans are still in street the day of street cleaning.

Mr. Khasho said City crews have aschedule that is planned out a year in advance for each area of the City and that it would be difficult to change street cleaning dates for a single street.

Commissioner Berg said that if it is a common occurrence and it creates a burden for City crews to do the street sweeping, a sign could state No Parking on the designated Thursday morning.

Mr. Khasho said there are other streets in the City that have No Parking signs with restricted parking times for street sweeping, but that they are mostly on arterial or collector streets. The City has even placed some signs in Spanish.

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Commissioner Berg asked if there would be a penalty for parking during the no parking time frame.

Sergeant Schaer said there is a \$20 penalty fine for parking when no parking is posted.

Commissioner Johnson asked staff what NAC neighborhood Chelan Court is in.

Mr. Khasho stated it was in South Beaverton NAC and suggested neighborhood mediation would be an option regarding the garbage cans left on the street. He said the City doesn't have any control over people removing their garbage cans from the street on time.

Commissioner Herring asked staff how the No Parking sign would read.

Mr. Khasho said the sign would state No Parking the Fourth Thursday of each month from 7 a.m. to Noon.

Commissioner Johnson said she understood the frustration and neighborhood concerns of Ms. Garoutte, but to place no parking signs in a cul-de-sac is not an efficient deterrent to parking and recommended pursuing neighborhood mediation.

Commissioner Herring asked staff if it were possible to place temporary signs regarding street sweeping schedule the day before street sweeping is scheduled.

Mr. Khasho said this option might work, but the City would have to have a crew to place and remove the signs.

Chairman Conway asked staff how the parking restriction would be monitored.

Sergeant Schaer said patrol officers are assigned to go to the areas with no parking / limited parking time signs and tickets would be imposed. Those not abiding by the no parking signs would learn to change their parking habits in lieu of paying a \$20 fine each month.

Commissioner Cohen told how he grew up in the Bronx and people moved their cars all the time. He also mentioned it is extremely important to keep the streets clean.

Commissioner Berg said that on his site visits and most recent visit, the cul-de-sac looked clean but he did see garbage cans and that still, the cars are parked on the street.

Chairman Conway said he appreciated the comments regarding the garbage can issue and would like to see the NAC get involved to help resolve this to everyone's satisfaction. Neighbors would be more solidified with a NAC meeting and feedback after discussing the fact that tickets would be imposed by police monitoring the site on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

Chairman Conway asked staff what will happen if NAC involvement is needed.

Mr. Khasho recommended the Traffic Commission table TC 705 and leave the hearing open and have a NAC meeting to further discuss the issues for a possible resolution.

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Commissioner Berg asked what the advantage would be to table TC 705 and leave the hearing open?

Chairman Conway stated that Traffic Commission is open to tabling the issue and have it resubmitted at a later date. He said that the Commission didn't want to deny the request at this time but would like to see neighbors involved to help come up with a satisfactory resolution.

Mr. Khasho added that if the issue is not resolved by the NAC and neighbors, the TC can still make a final decision.

Chairman Conway opened discussion of regarding resolution and time frame for resubmitting the issue to a future Traffic Commission hearing.

Commissioner Cohen agreed that there is an advantage to tabling and recommended 60 days for the neighbors to resolve amongst themselves.

Mr. Khasho said the Traffic Commission could call for a future hearing to review TC 705. Commissioners can also make a Motion of Consideration for a later date and / or deny the Parking Restriction request and let the community work on a resolution, then report back to the Traffic Commission in 60 days time after the NAC and potential neighborhood mediation meeting instead of placing signs in the cul-de-sac at this point.

Commissioner Herring asked staff how to phrase the motion.

Mr. Khasho said to make Motion to have a 60-day time limit to resolve the issue.

Chairman Conway said that this hearing could then be closed until March or thereafter.

Commissioner Cohen MOVED, SECONDED by Commissioner Herring to reopen the hearing on TC 705 in 60 days, March 2013 or the next meeting thereafter, so that the neighbors have the opportunity to resolve the issue on their own without intervention from the Traffic Commission.

Question called on the motion. Commissioner Berg, Cohen, Conway, Herring and Johnson voted Aye. The motion carried (5:0)

Chairman Conway addressed Ms. Garoutte and told her the 60-day time frame would give her time to work with the neighbors and NAC to potentially resolve the issues without a permanent sign or temporary signs needing to be placed and removed each month.

## PRESENTATION

### **Capital Improvement Program – Principles and Priorities**

Dave Waffle, Assistant Finance Director, presented and highlighted findings from the Technical Advisory Committee for the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the planning process for water, sewer, and street projects within the community, City Visioning and City Council.

## OLD BUSINESS

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Mr. Khasho reported that TC703, Site Work to Remove the Crosswalk and Speed Zone on 155<sup>th</sup> at Flagstone is completed and the new sidewalk along 155<sup>th</sup> has also been completed. He said the sidewalk has improved the safety for the kids getting to and from school.

Mr. Khasho said that Washington County modified the traffic signal on Scholls Ferry Road at Teal Boulevard to allow the left turns on Teal and on Horizon to go at the same time

Commissioner Cohen stated he noticed the change recently and that it helps immensely.

Chairman Conway reported that the Appeal regarding TC702, Hall & Fanno Creek Trail Crosswalk and Pedestrian Beacon, will be heard by City Council on January 8, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Conway welcomed Bill Berg, as our new Traffic Commissioner.

Election of Traffic Commission officers for 2013

Commissioner Berg MOVED, SECONDED by Commissioner Cohen to retain Commissioner Conway as the Chair and Commissioner Herring as the Vice Chair.

Question called on the motion. Commissioner Berg, Cohen, Conway, Herring and Johnson voted Aye. The motion carried (5:0)

Commissioner Johnson said she will be out on Maternity Leave in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 3, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Bonnie Collins, Pro-Tem Commission Recorder